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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 28, to page 6, line 5, with the amended paragraph below.

--Sofare So far, there has not been a positive example in the literature which indicates that by using a screening approach that would exclude aggregation inhibitors as well as lytic proteins from a source of naturally occurring compounds one could identify new antiadhesive mechanisms or compounds. However this strategy was used in this invention. Since at least six different platelet surface glycoproteins are known to be involved in collagen adhesion and in addition several platelet derived compounds such as von Willebrand factor, fibronectin and thrombospondin have been shown to be involved as indirect mediators of collagen-platelet adhesion there has been little optimism in the beginning toi to identify a new adhesion inhibitors inhibitor.--